

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: REM et al.

Application No.

Examiner:

Filed: (Herewith)

Group Art Unit:

International Application No. PCT/NL00/00659

For: METHOD OF SEPARATING PARTICLES IN A FLUID MEDIUM AND AN APPARATUS THEREFOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Box Patent Applications
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. A copy of each reference is enclosed. The references were cited in an International Search Report drawn up by the European Patent Office during the international phase of the PCT application of which the present application forms the national phase. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed, which satisfies the requirement for a brief explanation of relevance of foreign language documents.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Certification

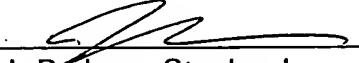
This Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of the present

application, and this paper is thus submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b). In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of these documents. Nevertheless, should a fee be deemed to be due by the Commissioner, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. Applicants submit that the present invention is patentable over these references.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/17/02

Docket No. 6900-14


J. Rodman Steele, Jr.
Registration No. 25,931
Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.
222 Lakeview Avenue, 4th Floor
Post Office Box 3188
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3188
Telephone: (561) 653-5000